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City looks at options

CONVENTION CENTRE

Repayment of loan to be renegotiated

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

The city has decided to renegotiate how a loan of more than \$30 million they gave to the Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation (WCCC) will be paid off.

WCCC has confirmed they do not have the means to pay off a \$33 million loan from the city, because a hotel that was supposed to be built across from the Winnipeg Convention Centre expansion project and raise funds to repay the loan has not been built.

The city was banking on a plan from 2012 that was supposed

ed to see a developer brought in by construction company Stuart Olson, to build a four-star hotel at 220 Carlton St. by 2016.

The city agreed to put up a loan of \$33 million, believing the hotel would bring in \$16 million from increased convention centre activity, and \$17 million from tax revenue.

The convention centre expansion received grants of \$51 million each from the city and the province and about \$46 million from the feds, but needed an additional \$33 million for completion.

On Wednesday the city's Executive Policy Committee approved a motion to have city staff work with WCCC to renegotiate the bank payment.

True North Sports & Entertainment has now entered into an agreement to buy the 220 Carlton St. site from CentreVenture, and a four-star hotel is part of their proposed \$400 million True North Square Project.

“We have a Berlin Wall right through our downtown”

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi



PORTAGE AND MAIN BARRICADES

City to study if pedestrian barriers should come down

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IN BRIEF

Police investigate shed fire that burned children

Manitoba RCMP say a shed fire on a remote northern reserve in which four children were injured is not suspicious.

RCMP say the fire started inside the shed but the exact cause is still under investigation.

The fire broke out Saturday afternoon when the children were inside the building.

Two six-year-old girls and a five-year-old girl were airlifted to Winnipeg and treated for burns.

Police say one of the six-year-olds is in serious condition.

A three-year-old boy was also injured but was treated and released.

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Man accidentally texted out child porn, police say

A Winnipeg man who worked for a youth-support organization is facing charges related to child pornography.

Police allege he used his work phone to text one of his co-workers and inadvertently sent an image of a nude girl between seven and eight years old.

The co-worker told his supervisors, who notified police.

A 37-year-old man faces several charges.

Police say the suspect has been terminated from his job. He was released from custody on a promise to appear.

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Man accused of extorting woman on dating site

A Winnipeg man faces two counts of extortion after a woman on a dating website was pressured for money by someone posing as a well-off lawyer.

Police allege that the man agreed to meet the 36-year-old woman for dinner if she would pay half the cost of cancelling a flight he was supposed to be on. Pressure grew when someone posing as a police officer called the woman and threatened her if she didn't pay. Police say the woman paid because she was afraid.

A 42-year-old man was charged Tuesday.

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Liquor-licence inspectors vote in favour of strike

Running a bar or planning a wedding in Manitoba could get tricky if the people who issue and inspect liquor licences go on strike.

The government workers, who are employed by the Liquor and Gaming Authority of Manitoba, have voted 92 per cent in favour of walking off the job to back contract demands.

The Manitoba Government and General Employees Union says wages and benefits are stumbling blocks right now, but it's willing to stay at the bargaining table to try to reach a fair deal.

A strike date has not been set.

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Mosquito-fogging trucks to hit streets

SKEEETER SEASON

City prepared to use rest of supply before chemical swap



Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Mosquito season is officially underway in Winnipeg.

Fogging trucks will roll out for the first time this year on Thursday after average trap counts pushed the citywide mosquito rating to high.

"We've had hot, humid conditions ... that are very conducive for mosquito activity," said the city's superintendent of insect control, Ken Nawolsky.

"We're going to have to take some control efforts in order to reduce it down to tolerable levels."

Malathion will be used for this round of fogging, but the city is set to discontinue its use after the current supply runs out. Nawolsky said that's because the city's Malathion supplier has changed the contract municipalities need to sign to order more.

"It puts too much risk and liability on the City of Winnipeg," explained Nawolsky, noting Malathion is still registered for use in Canada despite



Winnipeg's superintendent of insect control, Ken Nawolsky, speaks to media Wednesday after the city announced it will start fogging for mosquitoes Thursday night. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

being classified by the World Health Organization in March as "probably carcinogenic" to people.

He told reporters there's likely enough for 2-1/2 more citywide applications after this one.

If the city runs out of Malathion this summer, another product, called Pyrocyde ULV, will be used, said Nawolsky. The city is also looking at a new product, DeltaGard, which is registered in the U.S. but is still

awaiting approval in Canada.

Nawolsky said DeltaGard is safer than Malathion but just as effective against skeeters.

"It's a reduced-risk product," he said, adding it's also two to three times as expensive.

Nawolsky said trap counts show mosquitoes are thickest right now in the southwest quadrant of Winnipeg and that's where crews will start fogging starting Thursday night.

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This year the city is offering an automated phone and email system that will notify residents about where fogging trucks are. Register by calling 311.

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HUDSON'S BAY

Singer perishes in cabin

MUSIC

Cause of death appears to be CO poisoning, report police

A Winnipeg-raised aspiring country singer has reportedly died of carbon-monoxide poisoning while camping with his partner in Australia.

The Daily Telegraph in Sydney reported Derek Kehler died on Monday along with his companion, Helena Curic of Australia, while they were sleeping in a makeshift cabin in the Blue Mountains north-west of Sydney.

A music lover who released two albums under the name Steel Audrey, Kehler performed traditional country music that could be described in the same terms used for Keller himself on Wednesday: gritty and genuine.

"He was one of those rugged people with a heart of gold," said Matthew Rogers, a good friend of Kehler's who produced both of his albums.



Derek Kehler had a singing career under the name Steel Audrey. His website says he released a debut self-titled album in 2012 and a second album in 2014. FACEBOOK

"He'd probably be the first to tell you that he didn't call himself a trained musician or anything like that, but he had a very genuine spirit to his vocals and to his songwriting."

The couple reportedly died



A great artist beyond just a singer.

Marie-Eve Fast, friend

in their sleep after taking a pot of hot coals from a bonfire into a converted steel container they were staying in.

Hawkesbury Police Det.-Insp. Suzanne Rode-Sanders said the deaths were not being treating as suspicious.

"It appears they had some sort of makeshift heater inside in the cabin, and there was not any ventilation, and as a result they may have asphyxiated with carbon-monoxide poisoning," Rode-Sanders said.

Curic's sister Natalie, who owns the property and was staying in an adjoining container with her family, reportedly made the discovery early Monday morning.

The newspaper says Kehler, 32, and Curic, 31, began dating after they met while working at an IT firm in Vancouver a couple years ago and later transferred to the company's Sydney office.

When they first met, Rogers said Kehler was more interested in roots music but his fascination with country gradually grew.

"On our last record, his Manitoba roots and his farm, small-town upbringing, he really wanted that to shine through," he said. "Country music was a really big part of his earlier years and the music his parents listened to."

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CLUB REGENT

Rogers leads the lineup

It'll be a little bit country and little bit rock 'n' roll at the Club Regent Event Centre this fall.

Between September and November, the casino will welcome country legend Kenny Rogers; Canadian rockers Trooper with special guests Harlequin; and Canadian New Wavers Platinum Blonde with special guest Lee Aaron.

Rogers will take the stage Sept. 3. The Trooper concert will go Sept. 25, and Platinum Blonde will play Nov. 6.

Tickets for all three shows go on sale Thursday through Ticketmaster. METRO



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Owen Pallett brings his mystery to town

Montreal composer Owen Pallett is arty, but not too much so.

While Pallett can be seen as inscrutable at times, some of the lyrics on his Polaris-nominated fourth album, *In Conflict*, aren't mysterious — like when he sings about longing to catch a drag off a cigarette in the song *I Am Not Afraid*.

"I always aim for accessible; I want people to identify with the things I'm singing about," Pallett said. "But I find that specific details are more resonant for me. If I can sing about the specific way

"I want people to identify with the things I'm singing about"

Owen Pallett

I watched a lover buttering a piece of bread, and a listener is like, 'Oh my God, I've been there,' then my job is done."

Pallett will perform Monday at Union Sound Hall, as part of

the TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival. "I tend to indulge myself and the audience in long stretches of banter of debatable value," he said.

"I've been doing violin looping for 10 years," said Pallett, who has contributed violin and string arrangements to Arcade Fire albums and shows. "I'll be playing a handful of songs on my own, but then a lot of looped songs with a live drummer and bassist. There's an ecstatic quality to working out the songs on the fly with them — it's closer to prog rock than any-

thing else."

Tickets are \$20 at the Urban Bakery, Into the Music, the Jazz Winnipeg office and jazzwinnipeg.com.

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The TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival will present composer Owen Pallett Monday at Union Sound Hall. BRIAN VU

Cancer Bats honour fallen ET on new LP

BACKSTAGE PASS

Toronto band talks Gwar and Sabbath ahead of 'Peg show



Jared Story
Metro | Winnipeg

On their song *All Hail*, Cancer Bats pay tribute to a departed extraterrestrial.

The tune, a track from the Toronto metal band's new album *Searching for Zero*, features the lyric "All hail Oderus!"

For the uninitiated, Oderus Urungus was the leader of the murderous metal band of aliens Gwar.

Dave Brockie, the Richmond, Va., musician who played Oderus, died in March 2014 of a heroin overdose.

Cancer Bats provided support on Gwar's 2012 *Fate or Chaos* tour through the U.S. and Canada.

"At the Toronto show, Dave sang *Sabotage* (a Beastie Boys cover) with us. He did it in full costume," said Cancer Bats vocalist Liam Cormier.

"I've loved Gwar since I was 16 and I saw them in 1996, and now, full circle, this dude is onstage with us as Oderus singing *Sabotage*. It was his idea. When we came offstage, everyone in Gwar was blown away, like, 'Dude, we've been in a band with this guy for 30 years and he's never done that.' It was so rad."

Searching for Zero was produced by Ross Robinson, known for his work with



Toronto's Cancer Bats bring their "gnarly" tunes to the Park Theatre on June 19. VIKTOR RADICS

Korn, Sepultura, Slipknot and Machine Head.

Cormier, who is joined in Cancer Bats by guitarist Scott Middleton, bassist Jaye R. Schwarzer and drummer Mike Peters, said Robinson was instrumental in achieving the sludgy, stoner-metal sound heard on the new album.

"That fuzzed out, live, kind of gnarly vibe on the record is 100 per cent Ross," Cormier said.

"He watched tons of videos of us on YouTube and he said, 'This is what you guys actually sound like. It's not the crazy booming festival PAs, it's the dirty basement and the gnarly, sweaty bar shows.'"

"It took us a bit of growing up to realize that people are still into the song if they aren't beating the s— out of each other."

Liam Cormier

That gnarly vibe is especially apparent on slower songs, such as *Beelzebub* and *Cursed With a Conscious*. Another song, *Buds*, absolutely screams of Black Sabbath — which makes sense, since Cancer Bats sometimes

play shows as *Bat Sabbath*, paying tribute to the metal godfathers with covers of masterpieces like *War Pigs* and *Iron Man*.

"I think doing the Sabbath stuff, we realized that people are still stoked when they're not moshing," Cormier said. "It took us a bit of growing up to realize that people are still into the song if they aren't beating the s— out of each other."

Cancer Bats play the Park Theatre on Friday, June 19. We Hunt Buffalo, Union Stockyards and Occult Hand open the show. Tickets are \$20 at the Park Theatre, Music Trader and www.ticketfly.com, and showtime is 9 p.m.

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Mr. Mayor, tear down this wall: Coun. Gerbasi

PORTAGE AND MAIN

Plans to open up intersection to pedestrians take small step

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

The city has decided to go forward with another study to determine if Portage and Main should be opened up to pedestrians, and one city councillor even went so far as to compare the barricades up at Portage and Main to the infamous Berlin Wall.

"We have a Berlin Wall right through our downtown that we could tear down," said Coun. Jenny Gerbasi. "And wouldn't that be fantastic?"

Portage and Main was closed to pedestrians 35 years ago and barricades were set up, under an agreement that is set to expire in 2019.

At Wednesday's Executive Policy Committee (EPC) meeting Gerbasi spoke in favour of the city green-lighting a new study that would, among other things, consult with downtown businesses to get their input on what should happen with the famous intersection.

"If we opened it up (then) The Forks is connected to the Exchange District, which is

connected to Portage Avenue, and they all feed off each other," said Gerbasi.

Other studies on the feasibility of opening up the intersection have been done in the past, but no progress has been made so far.

"There is a lot of support for it from businesses. I don't think that's the real barrier. I think the real barrier is the political will, and that's why things have kind of stalled," said Gerbasi.

EPC voted in favour of going forward with the new study on Wednesday, but the motion will still have to go before council.

"What we are doing is our due diligence," said Mayor Brian Bowman.

Bowman said they will have to look at things like pedestrian safety and traffic flows, as well as the impact on local businesses.

"Times have changed and the downtown is changing, and one of the notable things that we voted for is engagement and consultation with local businesses."

Bowman did say he is in favour of having the intersection opened up to foot traffic.

Stefano Grande of Downtown Winnipeg BLZ also spoke in favour of opening up the intersection at Wednesday's EPC meeting, and Gerbasi read a statement from The Forks, which also spoke in favour of opening it up.

"I think the real barrier is the political will, and that's why things have kind of stalled."

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi



An unidentified man jumps the barriers at Portage and Main Wednesday afternoon to catch a bus. The bus driver let him on. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

REACTION

Cold War on Twitter

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi's comments on Wednesday comparing barricades at Portage and Main to the infamous Berlin Wall didn't go over well with many on Twitter. They questioned her comparing pedestrian barricades in Winnipeg to one of the darkest symbols of the Cold War.

@JaydonOno: Comparing an inconvenient downtown intersection to the Berlin Wall is a bit of an overstatement, don't you think? #Winnipeg #PortageAndMain

@JesseWynn: Comparing Portage & Main to the Berlin Wall seems a bit, I don't know, insane. #portage-andmain #winnipeg

@wpgctr: Seriously? Portage and main? Can we please deal with the city's very real problems first? #wpgpoli #potholes #wpg-council #fixmystreets

@szarburus: I just snorted at the comparison of Portage and Main to the Berlin wall sorry

@toddrose24: RIP to all those who dies while trying to figure out portage and main. May you haunt that intersection for many many years to come.

@PtheT: @JennyGerbasi Berlin Wall? Which side of portage and main is the communist side?

@ScottBilleck: Yes, because Portage and Main has ripped families apart and ruined lives.

Her response:

"It was a metaphor to indicate that what we have at Portage and Main really is a barricade to people, so it acts like a wall. It's not a political wall and I'm not saying it's the same thing, but I'm saying that people really don't flow freely."



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Power, politics and Solomon

MEDIA

CBC severs ties with host after allegations of impropriety

Among the dwindling stars at the beleaguered CBC, it seemed the public broadcaster could bank on at least one: Evan Solomon.

The anchor of CBC News Network's daily political series Power & Politics and Radio One's flagship political program The House had long been a rising luminary and was widely considered to be a possible successor to Peter Mansbridge.

His marquee status was backed by everything one would look for in a CBC personality: a long resume of TV and radio hosting gigs; field experience extending to federal elections, budgets and foreign stints around the world; and a confidence in interviews with prime ministers, world leaders and U.S. presidents.

"It's not who I admire (and there are many, many great journalists working today who I could name), but it's what I admire," Solomon told the Ottawa Citizen of his professional

drive in an April 24 article available online.

"I admire journalists who break stories, make news and don't follow the pack. One thing that isn't going out of style: good journalism."

The marathoner is a best-selling author, a children's book writer, a one-time magazine publisher, and a family man. His rise from CBC golden boy to established figurehead seemed assured.

Until Tuesday.

CBC severed ties with Solomon an hour after Torstar News Service alleged he took advantage of his position to broker lucrative art deals between a friend and wealthy interview subjects.

Power and politics, indeed.

Solomon has denied any wrongdoing and has turned to his union, the Canadian Media Guild, to examine his options.

But it's an undeniable blow to what had been a relatively unblemished career, and certainly to his post as a watchdog.

Solomon studied English literature and religious studies at McGill University, a reflection of his interest "in myth and ritual," as he explained in an interview with January Magazine about his first novel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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It is a privilege to have two hours a day on CBC News Network and on CBC Radio One to hold our leaders to account.

Evan Solomon, told the University of Calgary's online magazine UToday in a post dated March 26.



Evan Solomon is seen in this undated handout photo. The CBC says it has "ended its relationship" with Solomon, one of its best-known on-air news personalities. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ DETAILS

Beginnings of a CBC star

Evan Solomon launched into the spotlight as co-founder of the tech-and-culture magazine Shift. He was the editor-in-chief from 1992 to 1999.

From there, he went on to helm several youth and tech-oriented shows for the CBC, which capitalized on Solomon's youthful energy as TV newsrooms chased younger viewers.

Solomon's shows included CBC's six-part writers-and-thinkers series The Changemakers, Newsworld's technology show Futureworld, the PBS co-production Masters of Technology, and Newsworld's culture and ideas show Hot Type. He shifted to broader news fare when he was named co-host of the weekly news and current affairs shows CBC News: Sunday and CBC News: Sunday Night, platforms that took him on reporting stints across the country and around the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CBC editor calls on journalists to 'stop providing ammunition'

A raft of ethical lapses by journalists has the editor-in-chief of CBC News calling on members of the profession to clean up their act.

Jennifer McGuire bemoaned the state of the industry in a message to staff Wednesday, a day after the public broadcaster fired CBC News Network personality Evan Solomon over conflict-of-interest allegations.

While detailing the circumstances of Solomon's ouster, McGuire cited a recent LinkedIn

article by Al Jazeera America journalist Ali Velshi which chastised TV news for "shooting itself in the foot."

"It's time for every single professional journalist and media organization to stop providing ammunition," McGuire said in the memo.

Some people have questioned the integrity of CBC's news, McGuire continued, "and that of CTV, Global, NBC and ABC."

Nearly all of the major net-

+ UNION RESPONSE

Evan Solomon's union, the Canadian Media Guild, issued a statement Wednesday night which questioned whether CBC had been too quick to act.

"We are concerned that there may have been a

rush to judgment here and a disproportionate response to what at worst may have been an unintentional breach of corporate policy," said president Carmel Smyth.

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works have weathered a media scandal of some sort in recent

months.

Bell Media parted ways with

its president Kevin Crull after he admitted to trying to influence how subsidiary CTV covered a news story.

Global News anchor Leslie Roberts resigned after reports he co-owned a public relations company, and that some of the firm's clients appeared on his morning show.

Over on the U.S. networks, NBC news anchor Brian Williams was suspended after exaggerating about his experiences as a reporter, and ABC's George

Stephanopoulos admitted to donating substantial sums to the Clinton Foundation, casting doubt on his ability to offer impartial coverage of Hillary Clinton's presidential race.

In firing Solomon, McGuire said the Power & Politics host failed to meet the "very highest standard of journalistic conduct and ethics."

"A decision like this is never pleasant," she said of parting ways with the prominent personality. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Senate audit cost modest: Ferguson

SPENDING

\$23.6 million was within office budget

Auditor General Michael Ferguson says the \$23.6-million price tag for his critical audit of Senate spending is not extraordinary for his office.

He said the sweeping two-year probe was paid for within the confines of his budget.

In an interview, Ferguson broke down the costs for the audit released Tuesday.

He said the \$23.6 million includes costs that would have been incurred regardless of what the auditors were working on, such as salaries, utilities and office space.

He says those "allocated costs" account for about half the \$23.6-million total, putting the direct cost of the audit between \$11 million and \$12 million.

"That really represents the opportunity costs," Ferguson said. "Those are the auditors that could have been doing something different."

Those direct costs aren't out of the ordinary for a large audit conducted by his office, he said.

On average, Ferguson said, auditors spent about 1,000 hours on each senator under review because some cases were more complicated than auditors expected. He also said his office underestimated how much time each file would take, but "we ended up having to do all of

the audit within our regular office budget."

Ferguson has come under criticism for the cost of the audit, given that his work identified just \$991,917 worth of wrongful claims out of 80,000 transactions over the two-year span of the audit.

Earlier reports from The Canadian Press had the questionable spending pegged at nearly \$977,000, based on having seen portions of the report before it was released Tuesday.

Ferguson said that direct comparison — spending \$23.6 million to find less than \$1 million in bad claims — shouldn't be the only measure Canadians use to judge the value of the Senate audit.

"In this audit, because people can look at what it costs and they can look at these itemizations, there's this natural sort of tendency to compare the million dollars to the (\$23.6 million)," Ferguson said.

"It's easy to add up what we found and to look at the cost and do that strict comparison, but I think there's a lot more behind that to get to understanding."

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Average number of hours spent on reviewing each senator, according to Auditor General Michael Ferguson

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Ottawa set to introduce bare-face law

The Conservative government is planning to bring in legislation to ban face coverings at citizenship ceremonies.

Tim Uppal, the federal minister of state for multiculturalism, says the government supports Quebec legislation that would require people to have their faces uncovered when giving or receiving government services.

The Alberta MP says Canadians expect that people who are taking the oath at citizen-

ship ceremonies should do so with their faces uncovered.

Earlier this year, the Federal Court ruled against a government policy requiring people to remove face coverings when taking the citizenship oath.

At the time, Prime Minister Stephen Harper promised an appeal.

Uppal said the government will now set that policy in law.

"Our government will be moving forward in the com-

ing days with legislation with respect to the face coverings at citizenship ceremonies and we will consider what other measures may be necessary," Uppal said Wednesday.

"We broadly support Quebec's legislation regarding the uncovering of faces for giving and receiving public services," he added.

Most Canadians would agree, Uppal said, echoing Harper's argument against face cover-

ings at citizenship ceremonies.

"At a time when people are pledging allegiance to this country, when they're joining the Canadian family, we find that Canadians expect that anyone joining the Canadian family at that time would have their face uncovered," Uppal said.

Harper has called the facial coverings worn by some Muslim women the product of a culture that is "anti-women."

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Police resume search for escaped convicts

PRISON BREAK

No sign of either man on fifth day of manhunt

Police in body armour resumed house-to-house searches near the maximum-security prison in northern New York where two killers escaped using power tools, authorities said Wednesday.

On the fifth day of looking for David Sweat and Richard Matt, state police said the house searches aren't the result of any new leads and law enforcement is retracing its steps in Dannemora, just over 30 kilometres from the Canadian border.

"They'll be doing a 100 per cent sweep from the prison right out," said David Favro, the sheriff for Clinton County, where the prison is located.

Law-enforcement officials reiterated their plea for the public's help in reporting anything



N.Y. governor Andrew Cuomo, left, speaks while Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin listens during a news conference at Clinton Correctional Facility on Wednesday. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

unusual in the area.

"We don't want them out searching the woods," Favro said. "If you're sitting on your porch, get your binoculars out and see if you see something unusual."

Sweat, 34, and Matt, 48, cut through a steel wall, broke through bricks and crawled through a steam pipe before

emerging through a manhole outside the prison grounds.

They were discovered missing early Saturday after stuffing their beds with clothes to fool guards, leaving behind a taunting note: "Have a nice day."

There was speculation that the inmates had arranged for someone to pick them up outside the

prison and were long gone from the area, even in Canada or as far as Mexico.

Sweat was convicted in the 2002 killing of a sheriff's deputy and was doing life without parole. Matt was serving 25 years to life for kidnapping and dismembering his boss in 1997.

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MILITARY

U.S. set to deploy new troops to Iraq

President Barack Obama ordered the deployment of up to 450 more American troops to Iraq on Wednesday in an effort to reverse major battlefield losses to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, an escalation but not a significant shift in the struggling U.S. strategy to defeat the extremist group.

The U.S. forces will open a fifth training site in the country, this one dedicated specifically to helping the Iraqi Army integrate Sunni tribes into the fight, an element seen as a crucial to driving the ISIL out of the Sunni-majority areas of western Iraq.

The immediate objective is to win back the key city of Ramadi, which was seized by extremists last month. The plan is not a change in the U.S. strategy, the administration says, but addresses a need to get Sunnis more involved in the fight.

Some local citizens in Sunni-majority areas fear an invasion and reprisals from Iran-backed Shiite militia even more than domination by ISIL, underscoring a need for any military campaign there to be led by local fighters.

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The U.S. insists that American troops will not have a combat role, but in the deployment of its forces Deputy National Security Adviser Benjamin Rhodes said the U.S. must "be nimble because this is clearly a very nimble enemy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

more about advising Iraqi forces on operations against ISIL militants in Anbar than about providing individual troop training, said Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman. The expanded effort also will include delivering U.S. equipment and arms directly to al-Taqqaddum, under the authority of the government in Baghdad. Thus it will not represent a change in the U.S. policy of providing arms only through the central government, a source of frustration for some Sunni tribal leaders who say they've been kept away from the best equipment.

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IN BRIEF

EU police make arrests over identity fraud scam

Police have arrested dozens of suspects in an international investigation into a cybercrime gang that siphoned millions of euros from victims' accounts in an identity fraud scam. European Union justice agency Eurojust announced Wednesday that 49 suspects were arrested a day earlier.

The fraud involved stealing victims' data — user names and passwords — in a process known as phishing, and diverting money from them and their customers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkish president 'open' to all coalition options

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan "is open to" all possible coalition options for a new government, including a partnership which would exclude the ruling party that he founded, a senior opposition legislator said Wednesday.

The ruling Justice and Development Party got around 41 per cent of the votes in Sunday's election, but lost its parliamentary majority, forcing it to seek a coalition partnership or a fragile minority government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EGYPT

Suicide bomber dies in attack on temple

A suicide bomber blew himself up Wednesday close to the ancient pharaonic temple of Karnak in southern Egypt, a site visited by millions every year, the government said. No tourists were hurt, and the Nile-side monument was not damaged.

The attack was the second this month near a major tourist attraction in Egypt, marking a shift in tactics in a campaign of violence waged by Islamic militants against the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. The attacks suggest extremists are shifting from shootings and bombings of security forces to targeting Egypt's vital industry.

The industry is only just beginning to recover from the turmoil in the country since 2011. On June 3, gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire outside the famed Giza Pyramids on the outskirts of Cairo, killing two police officers.

In Wednesday's violence, officials said security at Karnak prevented the suicide bomber from entering the temple complex, and their forces battled two gunmen who were with him, killing one and capturing the other.

Karnak is one of Egypt's biggest tourist draws, a complex of temples, colossal statues, obelisks and massive columns built by a

succession of pharaonic dynasties. The oldest sections date back nearly 4,000 years.

Mohammed Sayed Badr, the governor of Luxor province, told the Associated Press that the attack was "an attempt to break into the temple of Karnak."

"They didn't make it in," he said.

Badr said the suspicions of police were raised when they saw three men carrying bags get out of a car in a parking lot. One began running when police ordered them to stop, so the police fired at him and an explosive belt he was wearing blew up. The Tourism Ministry said in a statement that the man detonated his "explosive device," killing himself instantly.

A second man had a gun and opened fire at police before he was shot and killed. The third attacker was wounded in the shootout and arrested, Badr said.

The blast scattered debris across the parking lot. Hundreds of onlookers and workers from a line of stores just outside the temple watched as ambulances rushed to the scene. Associated Press video showed what were believed to be the remains of the bomber covered with a black plastic sheet with pools of blood nearby. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Francis tackles abusive bishops

VATICAN

New tribunal would judge crimes that involve minors

Pope Francis took the biggest step yet to crack down on bishops who cover up for priests who rape and molest children, creating a new tribunal section inside the Vatican to hear cases of bishops accused of failing to protect their flock.

The initiative, announced Wednesday, has significant legal and theological implications. Bishops have long been considered masters of their dioceses and largely unaccountable when they bungled their job. The Vatican stepped in only in cases of gross negligence.

That reluctance to intervene has prompted years of criticism from abuse victims, advocacy groups and others that the Vatican had failed to punish or forcibly remove bishops who

moved predator priests from parish to parish, rather than report them to police or remove them from ministry.

The Vatican said Francis had approved proposals made by his sexual abuse advisory board, which includes survivors of abuse as well as experts in child protection policies. They call for a new mechanism by which the Vatican can receive and examine complaints of "abuse of office" by bishops, and bring them to trial in a Vatican tribunal.

A special new judicial section, with permanent staff, will be created inside the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "to judge bishops with regard to crimes of the abuse of office when connected to the abuse of minors," a Vatican statement said.

Details must still be worked out, including possible punishments and the statute of limitations to determine whether old cases of negligence by bishops dating back 20 or 30 years can now be heard.

The congregation current-

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Let's be prudent, stay vigilant and withhold judgment.
David Clohessy of SNAP

ly reviews all cases of priests who have abused minors and the statute of limitations is 20 years, though the congregation can waive that limit.

"Really pleased the Holy Father has approved our proposal," commission member Marie Collins, herself a survivor of abuse, said in an email.

The main U.S. victims group SNAP was more cautious, noting that there are bishops currently in office who have delayed reporting abuse and yet remain unpunished.

"In the face of this widespread denial, timidity and inaction, let's be prudent, stay vigilant and withhold judgment until we see if and how this panel might act," said SNAP's David Clohessy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TRAVEL

Carriers won't follow others in reducing cabin bag size

Air Canada and WestJet say they won't reduce the size of permitted carry-on luggage to go along with new voluntary international guidelines.

Air Canada, which requires passengers to check baggage larger than its maximum carry-on dimensions, said Wednesday it is satisfied with its luggage size rules but supports the general concept of industry harmonization.

"It would be easier if everyone drove on the same side of the road, and most people would agree with that," Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email. "The debate is over which side that should be, and that could go on a very long time and is ultimately speculative."

The International Air Transport Association says many airlines have agreed to reduce the size of carry-on bags to



People carry luggage at Pearson International Airport in Toronto. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

optimize cabin storage space.

Bags measuring no more than 21.5 x 13.5 x 7.5 inches (55 x 35 x 20 centimetres) will be tagged with an "IATA Cabin OK" logo.

The dimensions are slightly

smaller than what is permitted on Air Canada and WestJet flights.

Air Canada's bag must be no larger than 21.5 x 15.5 x 9 inches. WestJet's limits are slightly smaller at 21 x 15 x

9 inches.

"Currently we have no plans to change our carry-on allowance size," said WestJet spokeswoman Brie Thorsteinson Ogle in an email. "However, we evaluate and evolve

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Air Canada spokesman
Peter Fitzpatrick

guidelines when necessary to ensure they meet the necessary requirements for our guests and our operations."

IATA says the new carry-on bag size is intended to bring "common sense and order" to the problem of differing sizes.

"We know the current situation can be frustrating for passengers," senior vice-president Tom Windmuller said in a news release. "This work will help to iron out inconsistencies."

Fitzpatrick said Air Canada's larger carry-on baggage dimensions means anyone flying on planes following IATA guidelines will meet the airline's size requirements for carry-ons.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. Congress voting on killing meat-labelling law

The United States Congress is poised to take a big step back from a potential trade war with Canada. A law at the heart of a cross-border dispute faces a key vote in the House of Representatives and, if it's adopted there as expected, it would face a final test in the Senate. The legislation would repeal a requirement for country-of-origin labels for meat, mandatory grocery stickers explaining where livestock was born, raised and slaughtered.

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Marriott begins rollout of Netflix in hotel rooms

Marriott is welcoming cord cutters, making Netflix available to guests in its hotel rooms. Guests can use their own accounts to sign in to the streaming service right now at six hotels. Marriott plans to expand the service to 100 hotels by the end of 2015, and to nearly all of its more than 300 U.S. locations by the end of next year. Non-subscribers can sign up for an account through Marriott International Inc. during their stay at the same price offered by Netflix.

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NYC eyes high-sodium warnings on menus

New York City's Health Department voted on Wednesday to consider a proposal that all chain restaurants add a salt-shaker-like symbol on menus next to products that contain more than the recommended daily limit. That's 2,300 milligrams of sodium, about one teaspoon of salt. Now a public comment period begins, and a final vote could come as soon as September and the warnings by December. New York City would become the first U.S. city with the labels if the measure passes.

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ENERGY

Scientists want end to oilsands projects

A group of 100 leading Canadian and U.S. scientists has issued an urgent call for a moratorium on new oilsands development and listed 10 reasons why no more projects should be permitted.

The text — signed by economists, biologists, climatologists and political scientists — has been sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and all members of Parliament. The signatories include 12 fellows of the Royal Society of Canada, 22 members of the US National Academy and a Nobel Prize winner.

They are careful to include in their warning all high-carbon energy sources, including

coal and other types of unconventional oil, but it's focused on the oilsands.

"No new oilsands or related infrastructure projects should proceed unless consistent with an implemented plan to rapidly reduce carbon pollution, safeguard biodiversity, protect human health and respect treaty rights," the letter says.

"Everyone in this group really sees what climate change is starting to do to our ecosystems and the potential for harming society in major ways," says David Schindler, a University of Alberta ecologist.

The harm will be more than environmental, suggested David Keith, who teaches both physics and public policy at Harvard.

"The world is going to gradually decarbonize and the decisions will not be driven from Alberta," he said.

"The deeper we get into a commitment to these large projects, the better off we are in the very short term, but the worse off we are in the long term."

"We'll be worse off economically when there are real restrictions on carbon emissions."

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"The deeper we get into a commitment to these large projects, the better off we are in the very short term, but the worse off we are in the long term"

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As attention to a women's issue goes, we choose poorly

It's been two weeks of Caitlyn Jenner. Are we done yet?

Buckets of ink and hours of airtime and seemingly endless web pages have dissected and pontificated on every possible angle: that she's a trans hero, that she represents an elite trans experience, that she's sexy, that she's been treated with sexism by the media, that she's a bad feminist (if a feminist at all) for coming out as a sex kitten, that she's a bad woman for embodying worn stereotypes of the so-called weaker sex.

Are you tired of it yet? I am.

As far as extended public attention to a women's cause goes, we chose poorly, friends.

The time we have devoted to that slick cover, and the effort we all took to really understand what it meant, has far outlasted what it deserved.

Meanwhile, we could have been writing about Chelsey Buchanan, a Halifax woman who's opened her home to abortion seekers from PEI, where there's no access to surgical abortions. Or writing about the war on abortion clinics in the U.S.

We might have dissected the recent words of a British Nobel scientist who called co-ed labs bad for science, because women are distracting to men.

Our energies could have

been turned to research from Columbia Business School that says women's absence in boardrooms isn't due to female competitiveness, but to implicit company gender quotas. (In 2013, the Conference Board of Canada felt the need to argue the "business case" for women on company boards, as if we could be bad for the bottom line.)

If feminist reading is what you're after, why not disappear into the New Yorker's lengthy look at Angela Merkel, often the only female face in photo-ops of the world's most powerful leaders?

Jenner is so very far from the most important fodder for a debate on the state of feminism. Try: women earn one quarter less than men in Ontario; more than 3,000 women in Canada seek emergency shelter from domestic abuse on any given day; we account for 25 per cent of parliamentarians; globally, girls are twice as likely to be malnourished.

Yes, Jenner's was a dramatic reveal. Yes, it's good to put trans issues in the spotlight. But her photo op is not a pivotal moment for women.

It's just one very well shot, well-orchestrated and likely high-selling cover from a magazine devoted to opulence, power and sex.

Time, my friends, to move on.

THE BIG THING: MILLENNIAL-SPEAK

Taco Bell CEO Brian Niccol has made a concerted effort to get the company's staff to connect with its young customer base. Each week, they receive an email with a new vocabulary word curated by a group of 20-somethings and designed to help older folks keep up. Opinions are mixed as to whether this is a business-savvy way to engage the next generation of spenders, or a desperate move best described with a word that transcends generations: **LAME.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bible Dat...Doe
So. Basic AF
Many. On fleek
Feels. **BOOM.**
#TBT Lit Throwing
Bae Shade

#TBT

A term nostalgia-prone millennials use on social media for "throwback Thursday."

Lit

Awesome, crazy, busy, hopping. "That party was lit." When used to describe a person, "lit" means drunk or high.

Bae

A synonym for "baby" and acronym for "before anyone else," popularized by a Pharrell Williams song.

On fleek

A variation of the more common "on point," meaning very stylish and refined. This neologism came from the video-sharing site Vine. "Shoe game on fleek."

Feels

Intense emotions. "This story about a blind goat with a seeing-eye dog is giving me All. The. Feels."

Throwing shade

Hurling insults in a highly skilful and passive-aggressive manner. This term originated in the drag community.

"I love how much you don't care about how you look."

"Ooh, throwing shade."

AF

An intensifier used primarily in texting and social media. Short for "as f--k," as in "dumb AF," "cute AF," "crazy AF."

Boom

An expression of emphasis; a four-letter statement of "I rest my case."

Basic

A description of someone, especially a woman, whose taste is so generic that she possesses no personality of her own. "Kayla loves Starbucks and scented candles. She's so basic."

Dat...doe An alternative to "that..though." Used to bookend in constructions that point out general awesomeness, especially in relation to something cute online. "Dat kitten doe."

Bible A short form for "I swear on the Bible" for which we have the Kardashians to thank. "I don't have any homework today. Bible!"

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Floaty, feminine and fierce at Gucci

RESORT COLLECTION

New creative director leans on animal kingdom

In florals that matched the comfy chairs for his guests, in cat-eye glasses and dragonflies and bees and tigers and snakes, Gucci's new creative director Alessandro Michele put on a whimsical, eclectic show Thursday for his first resort collection.

Animal-kingdom adornments, splashes of disco lame, feminine sheers that exposed nipples and both warm and bold purples, yellows and pinks highlighted Michele's 62 looks for men and woman. Ruffles trimmed ladylike suits and high heels were chunky on sparkly mules.

Michele — who replaced Frida Giannini after her departure in January — closed a Chelsea street so the models could cross to the other side and enter his industrial space just as rolling metal gates were lifted. He covered

floors with inviting oriental rugs.

The shaggy-haired, big-bearded designer in a slouchy white T-shirt, bracelets and fingers full of rings, greeted guests with warm hugs and a laugh. He said this collection, coming soon after his February debut in Milan, was focused on individual style.

"It's a kind of personal eccentricism," he said in a post-show interview. "It's a mix from the past and the present and from the soul, so you can believe in the way you dress," he said. "Everything matches together in a beautiful way in my mind."

Prepster stripes represented (on a silver bomber jacket he paired with an emerald green lace dress). So did '70s disco. Western-style touches added to his mix.

One cosy stripe coat was decorated with silver sparkle dragonflies and another was quilted in pale pink, trimmed with fur at the cuffs and worn with a Betty Draper scarf around a model's head. Some dresses flowed in tiers of ruffles while others were neatly pleated.

"It's about that feeling when a beautiful



It's a kind of personal eccentricism.

Alessandro Michele

woman, where there's something that you do not expect," Michele said.

Has Michele, who has toiled for Gucci for 12 years, settled into his new role as creative director? He said he's getting there.

"Not quite relaxed," he laughed. "For a big company like Gucci, it's never-ending."

Dakota Johnson, Sam and Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Gucci president and CEO Marco Bizzarri attended. So did Alexander Wang and Joseph Altuzarra.

Wang considers Michele a welcome breath of fresh air.

"He's just getting started but he's really put his own stamp on who the new Gucci girl is. It's exciting," he said.

Altuzarra said Michele is "evolving the language of the house in a really interesting way, in a way that feels really fresh."

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Faux pas: Is your festival outfit racist?

CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

There are ways to pay homage and not offend, says historian

Raquel Laneri
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It's music festival season, which means you can expect to see lots of Instagrams of celebs and models wearing all sorts of controversial, culturally inappropriate accessories, like Native American headdresses or South Asian bindis. And no matter how much backlash they face, consumers — and designers — can't seem to stop stealing from other cultures.

Indeed, "appropriation" seems to have reached a fever pitch in fashion: baby hairs on the Givenchy and DKNY runways, "squaw"(!) fashion at Dsquared2, an exact replica of a traditional Oaxacan blouse by French designer Isabel Marant.

"It's been going on for a long time," says historian Valerie Steele, director of the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology. "But while the feeling that it's a rather problematic phenomenon has existed among scholars, it's been slow to filter down to the fashion world."

That's partly because designers and tastemakers couched such practices in terms like "multiculturalism" or even "postmodernism."

Yet, says Steele, "it's too easy to say that it was always celebratory — particularly when it's referenced in racist language or done in a way that reinforces cultural stereotypes."

But even without racist language, cultural thievery can still be harmful, whether economically, socially or spiritually. "Many South African designers, for example, are resentful that European designers have appropriated their designs and textiles, and then lumped a variety of different, distinct cultures together under one name," says Steele. And the Australian Aborigines have spoken out about designers



Selena Gomez wears a bindi while performing at the 2013 MTV Movie Awards.

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blithely using certain patterns that are sacred or that hold special meaning — like the bindi in Hinduism.

The main difference between cultural appropriation then versus now? The Internet has made it much easier for those who feel their culture and traditions threatened to speak out. But, rather than preventing consumers from engaging with another culture's sartorial customs, it actually allows them to do so in a way that's empowering and sensitive.

"If you're a white person, but you really love African Kente cloth — do the research," says Steele. "Ask your African-American friends, 'Will you be offended if I wore this?'" If you can't get African cloth straight from the source, then research brands that employ — and provide a living wage to — craftsmen in that area for its clothes."

If you are open and curious and say, 'I admire this, I like it, how can I wear it?' then people will take you seriously and respond to you.

Valerie Steele, director of the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology

ODE OR OFFENSIVE?



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Dsquared2

Canadian designers Dean and Dan Caten of Dsquared2 showed a collection in Milan they described as "an ode to America's native tribes meets the noble spirit of Old Europe." They came under fire after promoting the show as #Dsqaw on social media.



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Givenchy

Givenchy's Fall 2015 collection was called "Victorian Chola," riffing on a Mexican subculture. The word "chola" is problematic because it is said to have been used as a way to describe Mexican immigrants in a derogatory way, wrote style blog Refinery29. METRO



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MELISSA RIVERS

Reading from the Book of Joan

Melissa Rivers wanted to laugh — and she wants her readers to do the same.

Consider it mission accomplished on both counts, thanks to her bestselling memoir, *The Book of Joan: Tales of Mirth, Mischievous and Manipulation* (Crown Archetype). It's a touching, revealing and above all funny paean to her mother, Joan Rivers, who died last year at 81 after complications from minor throat surgery.

The book is free of a daughter's grief, or her undeniable anger. (Rivers has filed a malpractice lawsuit against the Manhattan clinic where she says her mother suffered what she has called "shocking and, frankly, almost incomprehensible" incompetence.) Instead, the approach is lighthearted, affectionate — and funny.

"Writing it gave me permission to laugh and joke, and a safe place to do so," says Rivers, who, still reeling from her loss last fall, set to work with her writing partner, Larry Amoroso, a long-time family friend and writer for Joan who could add his own rich store of recollections.

The book nods at an early concept offered by the publisher: a collection of *Lessons I Learned From My Mother*. It was an idea Rivers balked at. "I don't know if people would want to take that advice," she laughs.

Yes, there was a method to Joan's madness, but it formed the logical underpinnings of someone who didn't always cater to logic.

Joan on marriage: "Your father didn't

care if I went to bed mad. He cared if I went to Bergdorf mad."

Joan on cosmetic surgery: "Better to have a new you coming out of an old car than an old you coming out of a new car."

Rivers, now 47, grew up close to both her parents. Joan and Melissa were also bonded professionally. Together they blazed a new frontier of style and snark on the glitziest red carpets, while Joan became a connoisseur of couture catastrophes as host of *Fashion Police*, which Melissa produced.

That show, minus queen bee Joan, returned on E! in January and promptly suffered a meltdown with cast strife and the abrupt departures of panellist Kelly Osbourne and new host Kathy Griffin. It is off the air again until fall.

"We came back too fast. None of us was ready," says Rivers. "It was extremely painful. I spent way too much time crying about the show and what it represents to me. But we learned."

The pain of loss is ever-present in Rivers' life. Her mother's death is all too recent while, even after three decades, she says she still misses her father, who committed suicide in 1987.

But Joan Rivers wasn't afraid of death, her daughter insists. "It was an obsession: 'This is gonna happen.' But we would

discuss it as calmly as you'd ask for a glass of water. She was very much at peace with the idea."

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Joan Rivers and Melissa Rivers. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On life 'After Perfect'



Christina McDowell's new novel recounts her father's downfall. HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Daughter of Wall Street criminal tells all in memoir

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York City

Growing up in an affluent Washington, D.C. suburb, Christina McDowell (née Christina Prousalis) had a picture-perfect life. But at 18, her life came crashing down when her father, Tom Prousalis, was arrested for fraud in connection with the conviction of Jordan Belfort, who was characterized in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

McDowell's father went to prison and her family lost everything. She opens up to us about her decision to tell the story from her point of view in her new memoir, *After Perfect*.

The book is so personal. Was it a difficult decision to be so open?

I started writing my story many, many years ago as a way to process everything that was happening, but I fictionalized it because it was too painful to write any other way. I showed it to a couple of friends and they said, "No, it's not working."

This is a case of life being stranger than fiction. I started collecting letters, emails and everything from that time in my life and it slowly turned into a memoir. For me, it was about healing. It created a pathway to the truth and I learned more about myself than I think I ever intended to.

When *The Wolf of Wall Street* came out, you wrote an open letter criticizing the film's glorification of greed. Did you see the movie as a mockery of your life?

I just couldn't understand why Martin Scorsese would chose to make a movie about a man who had hurt so many people and exclude the victims. Whether he meant it to or not, it opened up a lot of wounds for many, many people and I know that because I received thousands of emails of support from people sharing their personal stories.

Learning of your father's crime must have been really confusing for you because you grew up idolizing him quite a bit.

Oh, of course. I think every child can relate to this idea of putting your parents up on a pedestal.

I had a really hard time when it happened. It happened when I was 18. At that age, legally you're an adult, but you're not prepared for the real world.

You're really active with



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I do not have a relationship with my father today.

Christina McDowell

InsideOut Writers, a non-profit for incarcerated youth. Do you think your past influenced your decision to work with them? Absolutely. I relate to them because of my own feeling of abandonment, struggle to survive and being touched by the criminal justice system.

Writing is what healed you, so now you're helping them heal in the same way. Exactly. Writing is so healing and we use it as a way to transform ourselves. We have the best time.

What is your viewpoint on money and wealth now? I don't think there's anything wrong with having money or seeking to live a big life, but I do believe in ethical and moral boundaries with money. When you cross an ethical and moral line, that's where greed comes in and I certainly don't believe in living a greedy life.

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Paltrow's awkward family vacation

SUMMER SLEEPOVER

New partners of uncoupled duo to holiday with the kids

IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar



There's showing off that you're totally OK with your ex-husband dating again, and then there's this, which is just plain weird: Gwyneth Paltrow is planning, depending on whom you talk to, a family vacation where she and Chris Martin each bring along their significant others — Glee co-creator Brad Falchuk for her, Jennifer Lawrence for him — or she's planning an intimate couples' retreat for the foursome that just so happens to also include their kids.

Either way, yikes. "Gwyneth recognizes it's time for Jen to meet the whole family, and she wants Chris to be there for Brad's first proper bonding experience with the children," a source tells RadarOnline.

"The plan is to spend a week together in Hawaii as soon as all their schedules permit, but definitely before the end of summer."

If you think this is a terrible idea, Lawrence is apparently right there with you: "Jen is dreading it," the source adds.

"Chris is still spellbound by Gwyneth and her rules, so he's insisting on it."

Happy trails?



Chris is spellbound by Gwyneth and her rules.

RadarOnline source



Clockwise from top left: Brad Falchuk, Chris Martin, Jennifer Lawrence and Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

DIVORCE RUMOURS

Jen fed up with Ben

This certainly won't help all those divorce rumours swirling around Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's marriage. The latest?

"She can't take it anymore. She's been consulting with a high-profile divorce lawyer," a source tells Life & Style, adding that while Garner was in Montreal recently for work, "she got a call that Ben was 40 minutes late to pick up the kids



from school. She had to scramble to arrange another ride for them."

While that might not seem like a major infraction, it's apparently one of those last-straw situations.

"She doesn't trust Ben alone with the kids," the source says. "Custody is not negotiable."

This sounds like it will be the opposite of fun.

GOSSIPGIRL SMACKDOWN

Mindy handles heat

The folks over at GossipGirl.com went a bit out of their way to call out Mindy Kaling for her fashion choices by dubbing her a "hot mess."

Oh, and they even snuck in a little dig at her fans, writing, "Mindy Kaling is one of those 'woman of the people' types who basics find



soooooo hilarious."

That stings, Gossip Girl. That really stings.

Anyway, Kaling herself was more than able to defend herself, tweeting back simply, "Whoa, you guys are d—s."

And she has a point. XOXO.

GOSSIP NOTES

The Glee tell-all you never asked for is coming

And they say publishing is a dying industry.

Naya Rivera just inked a deal to have a "memoir" published in spring 2016 with the snappy title Sorry Not Sorry: Dream, Mistakes and Growing Up.

Rivera promises "so many juicy stories about my life. Glee, guys, growing up and so much more," while the



Naya Rivera

publisher pitches it as "candid thoughts on topics ranging from dating to the challenges of being mixed race in Hollywood."

So if you're one of those unique folks who is desperate for tawdry behind-the-scenes tales from Glee, but you're also willing to wait about a year, then this is great news for you.

Michael Jackson fans try to stop Neverland sale

Michael Jackson's fans are not thrilled about plans to unload the late singer's most notable asset, the Neverland Ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif.

They're so incensed, actually, that they've started a petition to halt a potential sale.

"Neverland, Michael Jackson's house, is one of the most important places

for Michael Jackson's fans," the petition, already signed by nearly 8,000 fans, reads. "It's one of the reminders that we have of Michael."

The attempts to petition Jackson's estate, however, have been a bit misguided.



It's one of the reminders we have of Michael.

Petition to halt the sale of Neverland

ed, since the property is actually owned by Colony Capital.

"As has been said in previous statements from the Estate, both to the media and to the fan community, the Estate is very disappointed over the decision by Colony Capital to sell Neverland," a spokesman says.

"Unfortunately, that does not change the reality that the Estate is not in a position to stop the sale of the property."

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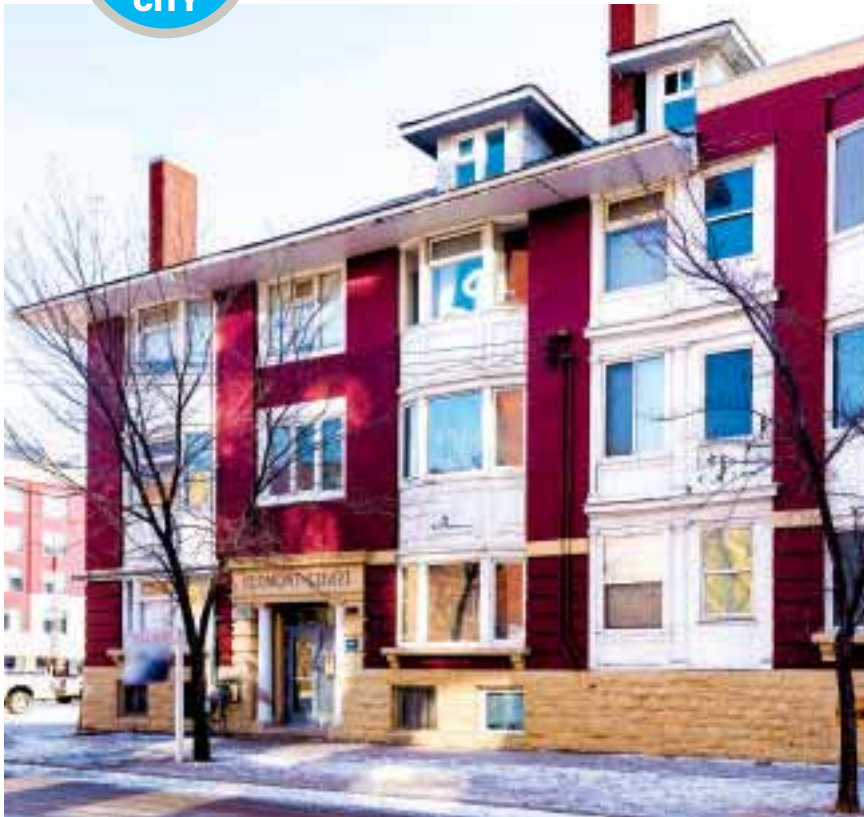




What they're asking



This week, we looked for the smallest condos we could find in town. Designed with investors in mind, or for those looking to get into their first condo purchase or a pied-à-terre. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



\$99,000

Winnipeg

Here's a great deal on a 550-sq.ft. unit at 350 Qu'appelle Ave., that proves you can still get a condominium for less than \$100K. The updated, trendy condo has been extensively renovated and is perfect for first-time buyers or investors. The unit has new Kitchen Craft cabinets, granite countertops, and stainless-steel appliances. The bathroom has a funky, claw-foot bathtub. The living room features a wall of exposed brick that perfectly suits the minimalist, industrial decor. Listing agent is Scott Moore, a sales representative with Realty Executives Premiere, 204-995-7355.



\$117,500

Calgary

An affordable, well-kept condo in the Applewood community offers all the basic amenities in a compact design of 258 sq. ft. It would make a great home base for someone looking to downsize. The suite includes a stove, clean fridge, well-maintained washer and dryer, and Beechwood countertop. The unit features durable tile and hardwood flooring and a private balcony on the top floor of a clean and quiet pet-friendly building. For sale by owner through the Comfree Commonsense Network, 403-589-1915.



\$144,900

Edmonton

Here's a top-floor, 538-sq. ft., spacious one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo suite that's close to everything: downtown, shopping, and public transit. The renovated unit has a large living room and access to the balcony that spans the length of the condo. The galley-style kitchen has plenty of cupboard space and opens into an eating nook. The building features a laundry room and assigned parking. Brent MacIntosh is a sales representative with Re/Max River City, 780-445-0091.



\$178,900

Vancouver

This 490-sq. ft., one-bedroom suite is in trendy "LoLo", an area in North Vancouver called Lower Lonsdale. It's close to the Lonsdale Quay Market, Waterfront Park and the SeaBus. The Forbes Manor suite has great views of the harbour and sunsets. The living room opens out to a spacious, southwest-facing balcony. The suite features bamboo laminate floors and a stylish bathroom with double vanity. The listing agent is Shirley Lord with Sutton Group - West Coast (Broadway), 604-760-2012.



\$209,900

Halifax

This 529-sq. ft. studio condo in the new Gladstone Ridge Development is on the Halifax Peninsula and just a few blocks from the hip Hydrostone Market. The 10th-floor suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a maple kitchen with five appliances and a laundry room with a washer and dryer. The complex includes an outdoor pool, a fitness studio, and landscaped grounds with outdoor garden plots and a car wash station. Listing agent is Cheryl Jenkins from Keller Williams Select Realty, 902-403-6655.



\$324,900

Toronto

Here's a one-bedroom lower penthouse in the Liberty Village neighbourhood. The unit includes parking and a locker. This highly walkable community is close to grocery stores, restaurants, Starbucks and an LCBO. At 499 sq. ft., it's a nice size for a single or working couple. The condo features views of the lake and access to the streetcar and Gardiner Expressway. Amenities include a gym, swimming pool, media room and outdoor patio with barbecue. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.

Ask a designer: make room work

HOW TO

Furniture arrangement makes or breaks a space

Sometimes the way to improve a room isn't to buy new furniture: it's to rearrange pieces you already own.

"Changing up the placement of your furniture can make a massive difference," says designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of Flynnside Out Productions. Adding, subtracting or relocating furniture, he says, affects "how natural light plays in the space and also how frequently the room gets used. By simply adding a bench to a wall, a room can become more

of a hangout." Removing a few pieces to create more space "can make it feel a bit more casual and informal."

How do professionals map out a furniture plan, choosing the best location for each item? Flynn and two other interior designers — Dan Faires, host of HGTV's DanMade, and Betsy Burnham of the California-based design firm Burnham Design — share advice:

Analyze your space

Begin by deciding how the room will be used, Burnham says, and consider any quirks: Are there lots of windows or doors? Unique architectural items such as a fireplace or beautiful windows with a view? A particular piece of furniture or art that you want visitors to notice?

Depending on the answers, Flynn likes to choose one "standout feature" and then arrange furniture in a way that highlights it.

Also, says Burnham, "lighting can direct a furniture plan." Is there a lot of natural light or will you need plenty of lamps? Are there built-in sconces or a central chandelier?

Allow space

Don't skimp on empty space. "I always allow a minimum of 18 inches between sofas and coffee tables," Faires says, "and 3 to 5 feet for walk spaces. The flow and negative space in a room is as important as the overall function and the furniture" because it makes the space feel more open, uncluttered and inviting.

Consider the size and placement of rugs. "I cannot imagine designing a living-room space with a rug any smaller than an 8-by-10," Faires says. "The rug is meant to unify the entire space and connect furniture pieces together, so a good rule of thumb is that at least the front legs of any sofas or chairs in the living room should be on the rug. For a larger area rug, allow at least 18 inches from the edge of the rug to the wall."

In very large rooms or loft spaces, rugs can help define small areas and make the space feel organized.



A living room anchored with a generously sized round coffee table and a large pendant fixture puts scale and proportion to use. RUSTIC WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A strategic furniture layout turns a large room into two cosy conversation spaces.

CHRISTOPHER PATEY/BURNHAM DESIGN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"To keep everything balanced while visually separating each zone, use area rugs in co-ordinating colours with slightly different textures and patterns," Flynn says.

Break the rules

While some symmetry is important to "ground a furniture plan," Burnham says, mixing in a little asymmetry "makes for a much more interesting room."

If she flanks a sofa with

matching end tables and table lamps, "we may balance the grouping with mismatched chairs and a standing lamp."

Remember, you don't have to place furniture along walls.

"Furniture in the middle of the room helps highlight architectural features and also aids in proper movement throughout the space," Flynn says.

Placing furniture away from walls also works well in spaces that have lots of doors, or soaring

ing windows that shouldn't be obstructed.

And not every living room needs a sofa. Burnham suggests trying "an unusual layout, like a living room with four lounge chairs around a centre coffee table."

Use unexpected pieces, such as "a library table stacked with books in a wide hallway, or two area rugs instead of one to define spaces within a bedroom," she says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potted plants to attract pollinators

GARDENING

Small areas for insects suit cities where space is tight

Even a little effort — a potted plant, say, on an apartment balcony — can mean a lot when trying to help restore declining pollinator populations, such as bees, bats, and butterflies.

"Every contribution is worthwhile," said Victoria Wojcik, research director for the Pollinator Partnership in Toronto. "You're making a better environment for pollinators, no matter how small."

Butterflies and other pollinators don't need large areas for foraging but they do need a flower, she said.

"A planter on a balcony, even



A bee visits a potted chive assortment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

on the 30th floor — they will find it and visit it," she said. "If people do this all over the city, it will definitely help."

Pollination is needed by at least 80 per cent of the world's crop species. Wind does the job

for numerous plants, notably grasses, while many others are served by a variety of animal pollinators.

Both sides benefit. Wildlife feed on the pollen and flower syrup while helping their plant



THE BUZZ ON POLLINATOR PLANTING

More tips for attracting bees, butterflies

- Use succession planting to provide pollen and nectar from early spring to late fall. Spring is an important season — especially for overwintering honeybees — because their food stocks of honey are low, and spring-blooming flowers are harder to find. That could mean tolerating dandelions, a favourite pol-

len source.

- Place containers in full sun and shelter them from high winds. Include water on the menu by adding a birdbath or dripping faucet.
- Choose double-duty plants, such as colourful edibles.
- Stop using pesticides.
- Provide host plants, such as milkweed, that are popular with Monarch butterfly larvae. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

partners reproduce.

But changing land use, viruses and pesticides are being blamed for massive pollinator losses — especially among the 4,000 native bee species in the United States and the thousands of managed stocks of

non-native honeybees.

Enter pollinator planting. "Native plants attract native pollinator species," said Kari Houle, an extension educator with the University of Illinois. "Know which are suitable for your growing zone. Find a

beneficial fit."

She suggests a number of pollinator-friendly annuals for container use: alyssum, cleome, flax, lantana, snapdragon and zinnia, among them.

Select different flower sizes and shapes to match pollinator-feeding habits.

"Butterflies like places to sit," Wojcik said. "Hummingbirds like bugle-shaped plants. Fragrant, sweet-smelling flowers attract night-flying creatures like bats and moths."

Certain flower colours are pollinator magnets. Bees seem to like bright whites and yellows, while butterflies appear drawn to reds and purples.

"Vegetables do extremely well in pots, particularly cucumbers and tomatoes," Wojcik said. "Bumblebees love (gathering pollen from) tomatoes. They're uniquely adapted to that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



'Hawks get even with Bolts

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Chicago hangs on for win over Tampa Bay and backup goalie

Talk of a must-win game was hyperbole. The Chicago Blackhawks didn't face elimination but knew they couldn't lose twice at home and feel good about themselves in the Stanley Cup final.

So they showed why they're two-time champions by beating the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 in Game 4 Wednesday night at United Center to even the best-of-seven series 2-2.

Game 5 is Saturday back at Amalie Arena.

Brandon Saad scored the game-winner in the third period as the Blackhawks finally got to surprise Lightning starting goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy. Captain Jonathan Toews scored earlier in the night on the rookie, who replaced the injured Ben Bishop.

Vasilevskiy made 17 saves in his first-career Stanley Cup playoff start. At the other end Corey Crawford stopped 24 of the 25 shots he faced, including many in the final minutes as the Lightning tried desperately to get the tying goal.

Alex Killorn scored Tampa Bay's only goal.

With a more subdued atmosphere at United Center, the Blackhawks struggled to get much going in the first

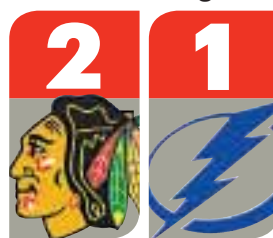


Blackhawks defenceman Niklas Hjalmarsson checks Lightning forward Ondrej Palat into the boards in Chicago on Wednesday night. TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY IMAGES

few minutes. It took more than eight minutes for their first shot on Vasilevskiy, and they only got two during the first period.

Chicago tested Vasilevskiy in the second and beat him on its fifth shot of the night. After Marian Hossa's shot hit Vasilevskiy, Patrick Sharp tapped the puck to the other side of the net where a

GAME 4 In Chicago



crashing Toews scored 6:40 into the period.

The Blackhawks have had such problems holding leads, and Game 4 was no different. But this time they led a whole five-plus minutes before giving up the tying goal.

That came with Trevor van Riemsdyk gassed and Crawford looking the wrong direction. Valtteri Filppula made a per-

fect pass from behind the net to Killorn at the side of the net, and he tapped it in easy at 11:47 to make it 1-1.

The Blackhawks cracked the 20-year-old goaltender again 6:22 into the third period. Vasilevskiy blocked the puck away from Saad, but the forward recovered it and sent a backhander in to give Chicago the lead. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Business as usual for Coyotes hockey operations

Owners change and the relationship between the Arizona Coyotes and the city of Glendale carries on like a soap opera.

The city council is considering cancelling the Coyotes' lease at Gila River Arena, something the team feels is "without merit."

In hockey operations, it's business as usual. "This isn't our first time at the dance, so to speak," GM Don Maloney said Wednesday. "We've been through this now for such a long time we're sort of numb to it."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

WADA calls out CFL on its drug policy

The World Anti-Doping Agency says the CFL's drug policy has "room for improvement." WADA released a statement Wednesday after the head of the organization's only accredited lab in Canada slammed the league earlier this week for failing to reprimand first-time drug offenders or upholding suspensions handed down in university.

The CFL/CFLPA's drug policy states that a player who initially tests positive is subject to mandatory testing for two years, but does not face suspension and is not named publicly. A second offence would result in a three-game suspension, while a third positive test would mean a year-long ban. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg a winner with Women's World Cup experience



Fans cheer for the American team prior to its match against Australia on Monday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

We are in the midst of a special time for our city as Winnipeg welcomes thousands of visitors to town for the FIFA Women's World Cup, not to mention the millions watching from around the globe on television.

Make no mistake, this is the biggest world sporting event our city has ever hosted.

It was apparent if you were around town on the weekend when we experienced a major invasion of American soccer

fans here to support their No. 2-ranked team.

While we share a border and a healthy rivalry with the United States in women's soccer stemming from the 2012 London Olympics, Winnipeg won the lottery in drawing the U.S. in the group stage. There is simply no other country on the planet that supports their women's team with the passion of the Americans. Winnipeg hotels, bars and tourist attractions are packed with fans of the U.S. team which elevates the World Cup atmosphere in our city.

After the tournament began

GROUP D

Australia will take on Nigeria on Friday, while the U.S. will face Sweden.

on the weekend in Edmonton with a big win for our Canadian women, the focus shifted to Monday in Winnipeg, the first day of matches for Group D, the "Group of Death." There was much hype about Group D and on Monday the Swedes, Nigerians, Aussies and Yanks provided more than 31,000 in attendance with over three hours of

world-class entertainment on the pitch in two great games.

More than just the great show on the field was the show in the stands. It began in the afternoon with the Nigerian band happily playing on through a 90-minute 3-3 thriller between the highly ranked Swedish side and the upstart Africans. The late game between Australia and the U.S. was packed with huge home crowd support for the U.S. and featured singing, chanting and even a march to the stadium by the American Outlaws, the most ardent supporters of the team.

The experience of being

part of the World Cup on Monday was everything I had hoped for. Most all of the Winnipegers at the games I talked to said the same and were certain to be back before the end of the tourney.

If you haven't already made plans to take in some of the action at Winnipeg Stadium, tweak your schedule and do what you can to secure tickets to World Cup games before the group stage is over and the tournament moves on to other Canadian cities for the knockout stage.

To our visitors, welcome. To the locals, be a part of this event and make it yours.

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Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 ½ cups diced sweet onion
- 1 ½ tsp minced garlic
- 6 fresh corn cobs or 6 cups canned corn
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- ¼ cup 2 per cent evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper
- ½ cup frozen green peas, defrosted and slightly mashed
- 6 cooked baby cocktail shrimp (optional)

Directions

1. In a soup pan, heat oil and sauté onion and garlic until soft, about five minutes.
2. Meanwhile, with a sharp knife, slice kernels from corn. Add all but a half cup of the corn kernels to sautéed onions and cook for another three minutes.
3. Add stock, cover and simmer for five minutes. Place in food processor, add milk, salt and pepper and purée until smooth. Add back to soup pan, add remaining half cup corn and gently heat for two minutes, until corn is tender.
4. Place in bowls, garnish with peas and shrimp, if using.

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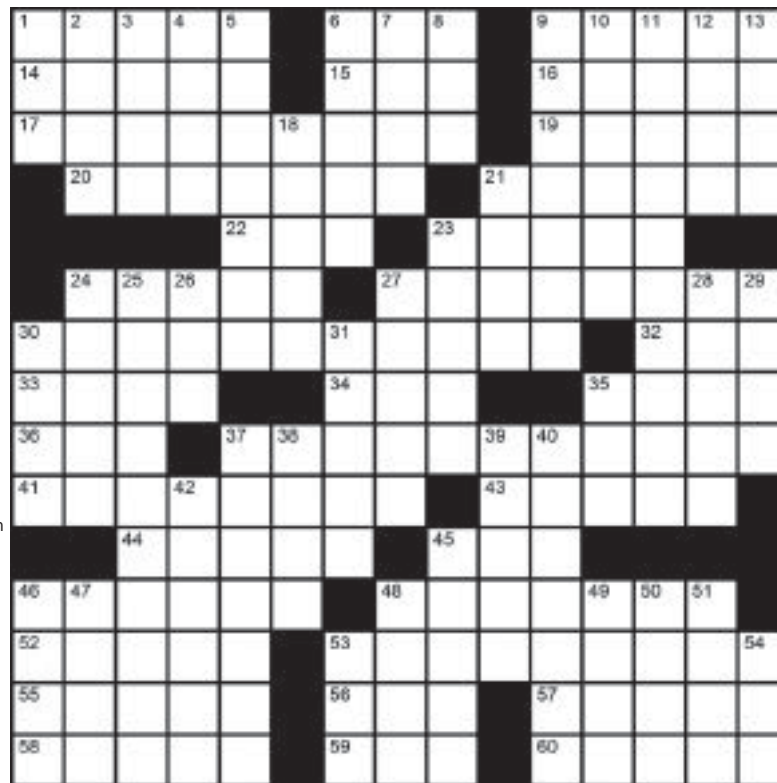
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

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14. Ms. Shire
15. Detectives, for short
16. _-garde
17. _ _ Before Serving (Direction on a beverage carton)
19. Gunpowder component
20. "The _" by The Irish Rovers
21. Sailor's tattoo
22. Dutch airline
23. 'P' of SVP
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27. Puffins, for example
30. _ streets (Tourists can walk on them in Old Quebec)
32. Fair-hiring letters
33. Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoids
34. Hosiery hue
35. "Yahoo!" from ancient times
36. Alphabetic sequence
37. Crowbar or The Guess Who genre: 2 wds.
41. Canadian TV series of 1994 to 1999: 2 wds.
43. Singer Mr. Gibb
44. Middle, legal-style
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54. "This Hour Has 22

- Minutes" cast member?: 2 wds.
55. Go-Go's hit: " _ _ the Beat"
56. Function
57. Sports team leader
58. Solo
59. " _ better be!"

60. County in England

DOWN

1. Logan, et al.
2. Hawaiian island
3. _ Bator, Mongolia
4. Beach torch

5. Yukon: _ Hill, near Whitehorse, two wind turbines sit atop it
6. _ whale
7. Ceramics oven
8. Couture monogram
9. Spice Girls smash

10. Swedish DJ
11. _ Beach Provincial Park, on Vancouver Island
12. Obi accessory
13. Road of ancient Rome
18. Montcalm's 1759 Battle of Quebec opponent
21. Mr. Rickman
23. Toilers
24. Greek island
25. Crown corp. broadcaster's iconic symbol: 3 wds.
26. Weight numbers, for short
27. Hidden supply
28. Steve of FOX News
29. Look for
30. Undergrad
31. Express
35. Be off
37. Les Misérables character
38. Corb _ , Canadian musician
39. Party island of Spain
40. Edmonton-born rapper, _ Weapon
42. Convince about an idea: 2 wds.
45. Stationed
46. Ontario: Canada Goose monument community
47. Genesis son
48. Wind blast
49. Boxing stats
50. Tetley products
51. 'Exist' suffix
53. Geneva's land, to FIFA
54. Wd. of gratitude

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You won't have to tell others what kind of mood you are in, they will know by the look on your face exactly what you are thinking and feeling. If they are smart they will give you what you desire — or stay out of your way!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Forget about material things and focus on the fun side of life. Yes, making money can be fun too but there are even better things you could be doing today. Someone you care for deeply needs some TLC.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good time for social activities, so why not throw a party and invite all your friends. You may even get the chance to get back on good terms with someone you fell out with earlier in the year.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Why so cautious? Why so reluctant to take risks? Whatever the reason you need to get over it. There is some good news coming your way and by the weekend you won't be cautious at all — you may even be reckless.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Try not to upset someone who is way more powerful than you. If they don't like what you have to say they will almost certainly make life tough for you. You don't have to flatter them — just don't offend.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to impress someone important and give your reputation a boost. You may have left it late but it's never too late, so get your act together and make sure those above you know what you can do.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may not be able to explain how you reached a certain conclusion or answer but you know deep inside that it is right, so go with your instincts and don't let others persuade you to do something different.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Help will arrive just when you most need it today, so don't despair, even if the predicament you find yourself in makes it look as if there is no way out. You are being watched over by powers that won't let you come to harm.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Think back to what happened earlier in the year. Did you miss out on something because you were afraid to take a chance? If so, and if you regret it, you will soon get the opportunity to make amends.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Certain routines and methods have had their day and need to be replaced. Don't wait any longer. If you leave it too long the chance will pass you by and you could be stuck in the past forever.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There is no point arguing with people whose opinions are so different to your own that there is no middle ground. On the other hand, the world would be a boring place if everyone agreed about everything.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Cosmic activity in the domestic area of your chart will help resolve differences of opinion that have dragged on too long. It's always a good idea to get along with those you live with — even more so those you love.

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